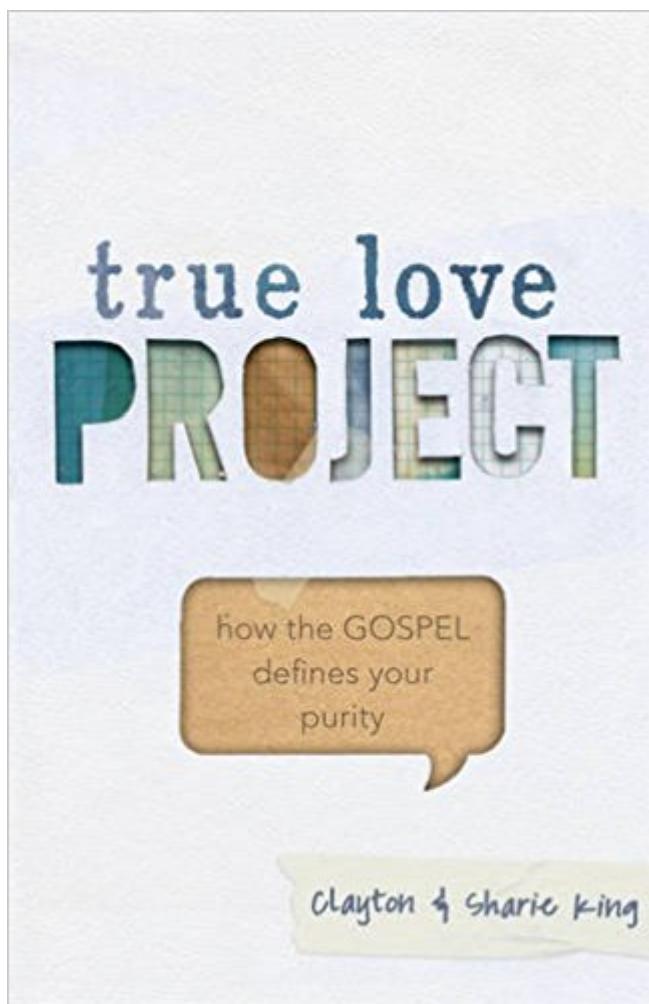


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# True Love Project: How The Gospel Defines Your Purity



## **Synopsis**

What would today's world look like if teens embraced love as the gospel defines it? How would it affect the future of our families, our society? Answering that question is the life mission of Clayton King—a pastor and professor born to an unwed fifteen-year-old girl. King sets out to prove that there is a better way, a way that is more pure, more satisfying, and more fulfilling than any "love" that society is selling. He offers teens a mirror that allows them to reflect God through their relationships and the tools to fight for the redeemed purity offered by the sacrifice of Christ. With the presentation of biblical relationships, scientific facts, and faith-building Scripture, the True Love Project is a call to embrace the true love that God has intended for us all.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Clayton King, a pastor, evangelist, missionary, and author, has been dedicated since age 14 to proclaiming the gospel and calling Christians to live out the life of Jesus. He has spoken to millions of people in 30-plus countries and written numerous books, including *Dying to Live*, *Amazing Encounters with God*, and *12 Questions to Ask Before You Marry*, coauthored with his wife, Sharie. Clayton loves good books, the outdoors, strong coffee, dirt bikes and four-wheelers, and especially his wife and children. Sharie King is an artist, author, and popular speaker at youth and women's conferences. She has coauthored *12 Questions to Ask Before You Marry* with her husband, Clayton. Together with her pastor-evangelist husband, Sharie shares a passion to serve Christ through ministry, missions, and marriage, which she pursues by prioritizing being a wife to Clayton

and a mom to their two sons.Â Â

My daughter loves it

It is great study material for teens and young adults!!

In True Love Project, Clayton and Sharie King revitalize the True Love Waits doctrine for a whole new generation. Clayton's writing is clear, conversational, and convincing. That is the percentage of Americans who are virgins on their wedding night. It is a somewhat depressing statistic, but fits in fully with our culture's message of doing what feels right, following your heart, and making an idol out of love. Among those who consider themselves religious, that number jumps to: 20% It is better, but it is still not encouraging, especially when Scripture is very clear about the sanctity of the marriage bed and the exclusivity of the sexual relationship to the marriage relationship. How can we encourage our young teens to remain committed to sexual purity? Clayton and Sharie King answer this question unequivocally with this answer: Focus on your relationship with God. Throughout the book, the Kings focus on the spiritual side of sexuality, speaking more about how a proper relationship with God develops healthy sexuality than getting into deep details of the physical side of sex. That makes this appropriate for younger teens and tweens to read as a foundational stepping stone to teaching them to appropriately handle their budding sexuality. The first couple chapters focus almost entirely on one's relationship with God, drawing out the theme that God has given these moral standards out of love for you and that, as your Lord, he is entirely within his right to demand such purity. The middle chapters focus on what the Bible says about sexuality, but focuses in even further on the heart issues. I especially appreciated that, instead of setting up a legal system of answering "how far is too far" questions, they instead approached the questions from an entirely different angle, writing that the heart behind the questions is "How can I get what I want without the consequences of sin? A better question is "Will this bring glory and honor to Jesus? Rather than focusing on how close one can safely get to the chasm of sin, the Kings encourage individuals (and couples) to critically make those decisions for themselves. Though it is not intimated in the book, from my personal perspective, while there are certain hard boundaries, there is a lot of freedom within the dating relationship. What is sin for one person may not be for another,

because the true problem is the heart issue on the outward action. For instance, “To kiss or not to kiss?” If you read Josh Harris’ *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, you’ll know that set the standard for a kissless dating relationship. And if you’re thoroughly convinced that it is wrong, then you should certainly stay away from it. If it causes you to sin, you should flee. But there’s nothing inherently wrong in sharing at this intimate level in a dating relationship. The book closes with several strategies on defeating temptation. Again, I love that this is so practical and straightforward, covering not just the spiritual aspects (read your Bible and pray) but the physical ones as well (get an Internet filter, get an accountability partner). Because it focuses so much on a relationship with God, giving this book to those who are in-name-only Christians will most likely have much of an affect. I don’t say this as a criticism, I say it because the Kings clearly present sexual purity as an integral part of the Christian faith. Remove the faith, remove the logical demand for sexual purity. Also, the writing is rather simplistic and the Kings don’t dive in very deep to the issue. Again, that’s perfect for a younger age, but will likely leave older teens or young adults wanting more. In the end, *True Love Project* cannot and does not intend to be one stop shop for all your sexual integrity needs. It is a book best aimed at young Christian teens who are already confident in their faith and who have a strong upbringing to reinforce and model the material in the book.

This book is very helpful and has reminded me about how forgiving God is.

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